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A Message from our President, Chuck Wazenegger

Dear Shipmates, Spouses, and Significant Others,

We are delighted to announce that we will all come together once again July 4th weekend in Warren. It has been a long stressful, frustrating, and in too many cases a lonely year so we are anxious to see you again to finally have a great time together and renew our friendships. It has been way to long. Pray that we are all still "young" enough to travel to Warren to "eat, drink, and be merry". Refer to John's comments for details and call the Comfort Inn today to reserve your room.

Fortunately, we are surviving this horrible ordeal. Stephanie and I finally received our second shot on March 19th. What a "joke" it was in Pennsylvania, the most inept and disorganized state in the union, trying to find

someone, anyone who was vaccinating people. The vaccine was most scarce in the major cities, that had the biggest problem, and most plentiful in the smaller towns and people were traveling hundreds of miles to get the shot. We all used to think the Navy was screwed up, but the Navy was a perfect organization compared to this.

On April 6th we were fortunate to renew our Navy beer and wing night after we had to terminate last April. Just managed to get in the March gathering before the shutdown. We have doing this locally for 30 years. My how the time flies. The good news was that everyone was there except one who was ill (not with Covid). So fabulous to see everyone again.

Before we close, we do want to thank everyone once again who contribute so much time and energy to assist; Dorothy & John Lichoff, Jan & Mike Seidel, Rita & Dave Wood, Bev & Roger Reller, Marlene

& Barry Stark, Donna & Duane Wampler, George Perrault (really anxious to see them all to thank them personally), and Stephanie who we see every day.

Stay safe, stay well and come to Warren!
Wishing you fair winds and following seas.
Best wishes,
Chuck

**Messages from Vice-President,
John Lichoff**

Dorothy and I hope that everyone is doing well and have survived the Covid epidemic that has messed up our lives. We made it through without catching anything and we have had both vaccine shots. Our daughter, Denise, and granddaughter both had Covid as well as our granddaughter, Ashley, and her family. With God's help and our prayers all have recovered 100%.

With all the time I have been cooped up, I decided to update our rosters for the US Salamonie AO-26. I ran an obituary check on every name on letters that have been returned to me as unable to forward as well as everyone on our mailing list. After three weeks of searching, I was able to find and document "one hundred and seventy-five" names that no one had informed me of their passing.

We now have 299 names on our roster. 143 are active names and the rest are alive but do not respond to and do not respond to our newsletter or emails. Our ranks are getting smaller each year.

A copy of the names, ranks and service dates is included later in this newsletter.

**Welcome Aboard
To the
Newest Member of the Association.**

**Larry Boyd SN3 65-66

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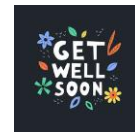
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Honor Roll

**Charles Layton BT2 59-62
Joseph Cuneo Yn3 52 Life
Member
Joseph Manuele SN/FC 45-46 Life
Member
John Piedmont SFM3 59-61
Leonard Buck MMFN 56-58**



**Al Jirik – Heart
Fran Jirik- broken hip
Bev Reller- back surgery

Some Information about the USS Providence (from a recent article in the Providence Journal (Rhode Island))



When the USS Providence SSN 719 tied up to the pier at the Navy submarine base in Groton, Connecticut, on April 1, it was more than the usual homecoming for the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine.

It was the Providence's last. Built by General Dynamics Electric Boat and launched in 1984, the Providence is now headed toward decommissioning and "recycling," as the Navy calls cutting a retired warship up for scrap metal.

According to the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan, the Providence is scheduled to be recycled in the 2022 budget year.

The Providence is the oldest fast-attack submarine, commissioned into the Navy on July 27, 1985

During its final deployment, it was underway for 212 days, with 97% of the first five months being spent at sea in the western Pacific Ocean.

"We steamed over 50 thousand miles, which is equivalent to twice around the world," its commanding officer, Cmdr. Michael McLaine, said in a news release upon its homecoming.

During its career, the Providence achieved several navigational milestones, including circumnavigating the globe, transiting the Suez and Panama canals, and transiting under the arctic ice cap.

In July 2008, the Providence surfaced at the North Pole, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first nuclear-powered sub, the Nautilus, becoming the first vessel to reach a

position of 90 degrees north latitude, in August 1958. At its Aug. 4, 1984, christening, the Providence's sponsor was Jean W. Smith, wife of former U.S. Attorney General William French Smith.

The Providence is mentioned in the 1986 Tom Clancy novel "Red Storm Rising".

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Shoe Box Project

Taya Decker is still sending care packages to the men and women serving in harms way. If you have a friend or family member in active military service, please send their name and address, so that she can send them a shoe box filled with goodies. Please send their name and address to taya.decker@gmail.com or mail to:

Taya Decker
PO Box 45
Huntington, IN 46750

A Note from John Lichoff

If you know about anyone who is sick or has passed, please let John Lichoff know so that a Salamonie get well, or sympathy card can be sent. He will also contact them to see if we can help in any way. If you would like to send a card call John Lichoff for the address.

Also please keep me updated on changes such as phone/address/injuries/health/death etc. (419) 668-8666

A Note from Rita Wood

I have made an assortment of cards with a picture of the USS Salamonie on the front for Birthday, Anniversary, Thinking of You, Get Well Soon, Sympathy, and Congratulations.

You can request one by sending the type of card and the name and address of the recipient to me at RLW313@aol.com or (401) 683-1468.

When John has information about a person needing one of these cards he lets me know so that I can send a card.

A note from Tom Applegate that was sent to John Lichoff.

I am seriously considering getting out of the website business but have not been able to figure out how to designate someone else to take over the USS Salamonie site. There are five different websites on the homestead site and whoever has access to one of them has access to them all. I do not really want that.

As I am sure you have noticed, I have been withdrawing from just about all my veteran activities. I have not attended Legion meetings for a long time. I take care of Louise and the house, read, do diamond painting and adult coloring books and that is about all I really want to do.

If I can figure out how to keep the site going that would be great, but I may not be able to do that.

I would hate to let the site go dormant, but the next payment of \$136.00 is due on July 2, 2021 and I hate to keep paying for something that I may not use any more. We will see how it

works out.

Tom

If you are interested in becoming the USS Salamonie Webmaster, please contact Tom at the www.salamonie.homestead.com address.



USS Salamonie AO-26 Reunion in Warren, IN

The city of Warren and the committee for the festival have okayed this year's activities. The dates are July 1,2,3 and 4, 2021.

**We will be staying at the Comfort Inn and Suites
7275 S. 75 Road East
Warren, Indiana 46792
(260) 918-6100**

**Room rates will be \$85.00 +tax.
Make your reservations under USS Salamonie or John Lichoff.**

Donna Wampler has not had a good year, and due to some unforeseen circumstances, she has passed the records on to Taya Decker, who will be organizing the reunion this year. Taya has secured a trailer and she and Karen Herr will decorate it for the parade. May change it up a bit this year!

Taya will make sure that you will have beverages and snacks in the hospitality suite in the hotel, just as Donna did. She will need to know the choices for snacks, beer, wine, and soft drinks.

The parade will be on Friday night and fireworks are scheduled for Saturday night. There will be a Car/Truck/Golf Cart show on one of the days.

We are hoping to have the Saturday banquet catered at the motel and we are looking for someone to cater it since the previous caterer is no longer in business.

PLEASE NOTE

**To help us with our planning of activities please let John Lichoff know if you plan to attend the Warren Reunion by
JUNE 1, 2021. (419-668-8666)**

**A message from Treasurer,
Mike Seidel**

*Mike Seidel
3211 Northern Valley Drive N.E.
Rochester, Minnesota 55906
Thanks to all!!*

Hello Salamonie Association members. Time for your treasure to ask for more money, as you all know the liquor store bill gets to be higher in these times. Really!! We are doing pretty well with our dues but as you all know there is never enough. It has been a hard year for all of us. Not sure what to say other than Jan and I are fine other than being older. Had some family members deal with the covid but they are also fine now. I hope this note finds all of you well ? I did fall on my daily walk and ended up in the hospital overnight. The elbow that I landed on is fine but pretty sure they wanted to look at my head to see if that was fine. All part of getting older!! John was headed down to the museum to see how it looks. Sure he will be adding to his notes to let you know. To all who read this thank you for being a part of the association. My address has not changed, still at 3211 Northern Valley Drive N.E. Rochester Minnesota 55906. Take care and be safe!! Oh yes, still at the \$25.00 for the year in dues.

I think from what I hear the newsletters that Rita sends out are worth all of that and more.

USS Salamonie Association
Dues 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

E Mail: _____

I prefer to get my newsletter via:

_____ Snail mail

_____ E mail

**You may donate for any of the following by
sending your check with this form to the
treasurer.**

Your
name: _____

\$____ Knight Bergman Center

\$____ USS Salamonie Postage
Fund

\$____ Troop Care Packages

\$____ Other (please indicate:

The Sailor's Creed

I am a United States Sailor.

**I will support and defend the Constitution
of the United States of America
and I will obey the orders of those
appointed over me.**

**I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy
and those who have gone before me
to defend freedom and democracy around
the world.**

**I proudly serve my country's Navy
combat team with Honor, Courage and
Commitment.**

**I am committed to excellence and the fair
treatment of all.**

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**In August and September of
1958 *Salamonie* was part of *Navy Task
Force 88* (TF-88), during Operation
Argus, which was involved in conducting
nuclear tests in the very high atmosphere.**

**Toward the end of the 1960s she was
designated for inactivation. Placed in
reserve on 23 August 1968 and
decommissioned on 20 December 1968.
Salamonie's name was struck from
the Navy List on 2 September 1969. She
was transferred permanently to
the Maritime Administration and laid up
in the James River, where she remained
until 24 September 1970 when her hulk
was sold to the Netherlands for \$298,001.**



**Together we pay homage to those who
have given us our freedom. We salute our
fallen and give thanks on this Memorial
Day. Today we express our gratitude to
our fallen heroes.**

**In remembrance of our heroes on this
Memorial Day.
Wishing you a memorable Memorial Day
on May 31, 2021.**

Honor Roll/ Obituary Search by John Lichoff RM2

**Over the years I have received
newsletters, e-mails, correspondence,
and roster changes.**

**I saved everything and then I decided to
see if I could update everything, so I ran
an obituary check on "EVERY NAME"
on anyone that I had a current and/or
past to see if anyone had passed that we
did not know about.**

**I found 175 names of people on the
roster who had passed.**

**An interesting thing was information
about their careers after leaving the
Salamonie. Some went on to be doctors,
lawyers, educators, principals, scientists,
space researchers, submarine researcher
scientists, law enforcement, Fire fighters
and farmers.**

The lists are on the next two pages.

News Letter Honor Roll

Joseph Manuele	SN/FC	45-46 (L)
Charles Layton	BT2	59-62
Joseph (Joe) Cuneo	YN3	52 (L)
Lon Fugate	MM1	55-56 (L)
John Piedmont	SFM3	59-61
Alfred Barbour Jr.	SHC3	65-66
Leonard Buck	MMFN	56-58
Richard Bobay	RMSN	57-59
Walter Protas	EM3	43-46 (L)
Rudy J. Pederson	LT	43-46
Ronald E. Branham	BM3	46
Carl Case	BM3	42-46
William Cosgrove	FC3	42-46
John Sutherland	SN	44-47
John A. Bonsignor	SN/1C	47-48
Preston Brown	SD1	47-48
Ernest Chekas	BM2	46-49
Lawrence Weindorf	RM2	57-59
Wallace Alamo		43-46
Jack W. Daniels	RM1	49-53
Norman Ferwerd	SFFN	49
Bernard Youngquist-MD	LT	43-46 (L)
Michael Stelmack		? ?
Henry Sherry	MM	43-45 (L)
Warren Sherwood	ET1	41-43
Eugene Sherwood	?	?
Lloyd Rogers	GM2	49-56
William Breon	SN/1C	46-47
Milan Alusi	RM3	44-46
Vernon Anderson	EN3	47
Grady Bustin Jr.	EM3	45-49
John Cannon	BM3	49
Jay Clark	MM3	49-51
Frank Dluge		45-46
Samuel T. Dodd	IC2	54-57
Bill Fuller	MM3	44-4
Bennie Gardner	QM3	49-52 (L)
Paul Riley	ENS	47-49
James A. Schroede	FN	50-53
Lawrence Smith	EM3	44-46
Paul E. Spilman	S/2C	44-46 (L)
John Williams	RM1	50-52
John Wode	EM2	47-49
John Bishopp	BM3	51-55
Robert Brush	BT2	51-54
John Clarke	BMSN	44-46
Chester Coatney	MM2	46-49

Clyde J. Colwell	MMC	48
Walter Connell	SN	52-53
Edward Cresent	SN	51-55
Richard Dana	MM3	52-54
Dave C. Weber	LTJG	58-60
Harry Gill	SNFC	43-47
John Ginnelly	QM1	49-53
Anthony Labriola	SF3	46-48
Norwood Raynor	?	?
Tony Silva	BM2	50-55
Sam Sacks	CS1	57-59
Russell E. Carter	?	?
Paul Addis	DCW1	50-51
Eugene D. Albright	EN2	54-55
Donald Boe	BMS	56-58
John C. Barber	RDSN	66-64
Bob Celentano	SH2	67-68
Glen Crites	BM3	50-54
William Crum	SN	55-59
Ron Darling	GM2	64-68
Michael Hrtwell	?	62-64
Harry Hall	MM2	52-55
Richard Hayes	SN	47-49
Ralph Hill	?	?
Church Howlett	SN	61-62
Wayne L. Lemons	GMG1	61-62
Edward Linsle	SK3	66-64
Robert Moore	PHM1	45-46
John Morrill	FN	64
Meivyn Parker	MM2	62-63
Leonard Purify	BTC	57
Leslie Pratt	LTJG	67-68
Jacob L. Ritzen	RMSM	55-56
William Roy	EN3	55-56
Bob Traylor		66-68
Leon Wright	RD2	59-61
Sam Watkinson	BM3	52-55
Edward Williams	TN	51-55
Richard Albertini	LTJG	53-55
Bob Allen	GMG3	64-67
Richard Archer	GMC	62-64
Robert Arnold	PN3	56-57
Fred Baer	YN3	64-65
Robert Beaudet	RD3	55-57
Donald Bollinger	BM3	53-56
Van D. Browning	MM2	55-59
Victor Caruso	SN	67-68
Leonard Casdorff	FT3	53-54

Fred Costanzo	RD3	55-57
Fred Cirtella	BT1	54-58
Jeffery Davis	FTG3	67-68
Bill Degan	SFP3	65-67
Frederick J. Donovan	YN2	55-56
James A. Durden	SF1	58-61
Ronald J. Evans	BT3	55-59
Richard Falco	SN	62-65
Thomas Faulkner	SK3	63-66
Giovanni (John) Feltri	SN	56-57
William French	ENS	45-46
Walter R. Gagne	BM2	57-59
Ralph E. Gray	BMSN	53-54
James Gregory	BTC	66-68
Edward Grishey Jr.	RM3	66
Leonard Grotenrath	RM3	66
Hart Grover	PHSN	WWII
Michael Hennessey	LTJG	64-66
Jerome Joseffy	EM3	57-59
Robert Judy	SK3	53-55
David Katcher	RD2	53-54
Robert Kay	QM3	51-52
Richard Kelderhouse	EM2	53-57
Elmer Lasiter J	MMC	56-58
Michael Lawrence	LTJG	66-68
Zed Lee	CSC	49-53
Angelo Lombardi	MM2	42-45
Baldo Long	MM2	53-55
Truett Longing	SF3	44-46
Tom Martens	RM3	67-68
Tom Martin	BM3	65-67
Robert Mattison	MM3	50-52
David Matty	SM2	60-63
Tom McAndrews	RM3	53-54
Russell McWay	ENS	52-53
Bernard Mignogna	SN	49-53
Carl Mortimer	RM2	57-59
Bill (John) Murvay	BM3	65-67
William Mills		WWII
Homer Moore	RD2	59-63
John W. Morris	YN3	58-59
Martin Nelson	FN	50-52
Frank Newman	SN	50-52
Dennis J. Ryan	MM3	66
Joseph Smiley	BT3	49-53
Francis T. Stanley	FT1	?
Robert Stockwell	SN	57-59
Richard Swenson	?	53-55

Raymond F. Szabo	MM3	56-58
Joseph V. Tabone	FTG3	66-68
Tony Taddeo	GM3	55-56
Richard Tessmer	FP2	55-58
James Tincher	BM3	61-65
Douglas Treadway		59-60
Donald Vandenberg	SK3	55-57
William Warr III	LTJG	62-64
Jasper Waters	SF3	58-62
Frank Witkowski	?	?
Donald J. Ahronian	LTJG	57-60
Frank Witkowski	?	?
Frank C. Baker	FN3	49-52
Carman L. Basham	LTJG	62-64
Roger Bergeron	MM3	51-55
William Carter	FN	63-67
Arthur W. Delaney	FN3	55-56
Howard Davey	WT3	46-48
Mark Elliott	FTG3	66-68
Edward S. Ermak	GMSN	46-47
Stephn W. Fos	LTJG	63-65
Richard Gast	SK3	50-53
Salvatore Giacobbe	BMSN	60-62
Melvin Goodwin	GM3	60-63
Joseph Hurley	QM2	51-55
David King	BT3	66-67
Maurice (Morey) Landers	RMC	50-51
Joseph Long	YNSN	62-64
Hank Malone	SHB3	67-68
Glenn McDine	EM2	53-55
Walter McGovern	YNSN	51-54
Federick S. Meier	CS3	46-48
James Westveld	RM3	61-63
Robert Wylesky	RM2	65-67
Richard Buddy Propps	SK1	59-61

(L) Life Member